



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

MAYOR'S THRIVE BY FIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 16, 2020

Webex

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Coordinating Council Members

DC Agency Representatives

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance	Designee	Attendance
Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard	Thrive by Five Coordinating Council	present		
Ellen Riordan	District of Columbia Public Library	present		
Rayna Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services	not present	Sakina Thompson	present
Carlie Fisherow	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education	present		
Dr. Erica McClaskey	DC Health	present		
Michelle Walker-Davis	Public Charter School Board	present		
Dr. Cheryl Ohlson	DC Public Schools	present		
Brenda Donald	Child and Family Services Agency	not present	Rachel Joseph	present
Dr. Barbara Bazron	Department of Behavioral Health	not present	Barbara Paulson	present
Theresa Early	Department of Human Services	present		
Vanessa Weatherington	Department of Employment Services	present		
Shana Young	Office of the State Superintendent of Education	not present		



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Public Members

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance
Yael Meirovich	Community Member Ward 1	present
Michelle Parrish	Community Member Ward 5	not present
Ramin Taheri	Community Member Ward 6	not present
LaJoy Johnson-Law	Community Member Ward 8	present
Sara Mead	State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council	not present
Brenda Rhodes Miller	DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	not present
Kimberly Perry	DC Action for Children	not present
Ruqiyyah Anbar-Shaheen	Home Visiting Council	not present
Dominique Spencer	Jubilee Jumpstart	not present
Dr. Marla Dean	Bright Beginnings	present
Dr. Lenore Jarvis	DC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	present
Dr. Dea Sloan	DC Academy of Family Physicians	present
(unfilled)	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 2	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 3	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 4	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 7	

Other Attendees: Jwan Griffin (DBH), Allen James (OAG), Kristina Miller-Lassiter (OAG), Michelle Price (OSSE), Colleen Sonosky (DHCF), Lashonia Thompson (OAG), Tiffany Wilson (Thrive by Five DC)



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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order** **Council Chair**
 - Chair Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
 - Chair asked for folks to introduce themselves to the group by sharing their name and affiliation in the chat.
 - Chair shared the agenda for the meeting.

- 2. Reflections from October Meeting** **Council Chair**
 - Chair provided a summary of October 28th meeting, with no additional points of discussion needing to be raised.

- 3. Thrive by Five DC Look Ahead** **Council Chair**
 - Chair shared Thrive by Five's 2020 Annual Report will be formally released the week of December 20th. Council members to receive an embargoed draft in meeting follow-up.
 - Chair moved to a summary of the Coordinating Council's work to date, highlighting the number of meetings conducted and recommendations given.
 - Chair mentioned Thrive by Five DC's focus areas in the new year, highlighting the DC Safe Sleep Education and Outreach Project and the Maternal & Infant Health Summit as two timebound projects, along with other hopes for work in 2021.

- 4. Member Survey Feedback & Reset for 2021** **Council Members**
 - Chair shared questions that members were asked to respond to anonymously regarding their experience as a member of the Council. Responses will be used to guide the Council's activities in 2021.
 - Survey highlights include:
 - 50% of members feel somewhat engaged. 20% feel moderately engaged. 15% feel very much engaged.
 - 75% of members feel meetings should be held quarterly with independent subcommittee work.
 - Members offered suggested improvements, including strategic objectives and goals; work plan; engaging members more critically, and stronger subcommittees.



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- Chair opened the floor for additional comments.
 - Ellen Riordan of DCPL mentioned aligning with other groups to see what they are doing, highlighting OSSE’s work around the literacy.
 - Colleen Sonosky of DHCF mentioned looking to the Thrive by Five Coordinating Council to coordinate all existing groups in the space.
 - Marla Dean of Bright Beginnings added that a “Thrive by Five’ summit in 2021 could help to elevate the work and potentially pull more people in than the current “maternal and infant health” title.
- Chair mentioned the need for stronger subcommittees in order to drive the work and asked members if the three subcommittees we currently have still sound right.
 - Barbara Paulson of DBH suggested a health and wellbeing committee.
 - Carlie Fisherow of the DME thinks the set of committees is good and would want to align/assign recommendations to each subcommittee. Vanessa Weatherington of DOES agreed.
 - Dr. Dea Sloan of Howard requested that the maternal health subcommittee include language inclusive of parenting support efforts.

5. Future Meeting Structure

Council Members

- Chair reviewed existing 2021 meeting holds giving members two sets of dates to choose from for the new quarterly meetings.
 - Option 1: January 27, April 21, July 21, October 20
 - Option 2: February 17, May 26, August 25, November 10
- Members will receive cancellations for current holds and review four new invitations for the whole group quarterly Coordinating Council meetings.

6. Other Member Updates

Council Members

- Dr. Jarvis shared that the number of children falling from windows in the District is up dramatically this year. encouraged parents to use windows guards and discussed efforts that Children’s is taking to push on landlords to add window guards for those who live in apartment buildings.
- Children’s National and Safe Kids DC is working on one-pagers to be shared with the Coordinating Council as soon as they’re made available.

7. Additional Comments & Next Steps

Council Members

- Chair shared reminders about sign-up for subcommittees, annual report and request for members to share broadly.



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- Chair reminded members that meeting materials are available via OneDrive, including the 2020 Annual Report.

8. Adjournment

Council Chair

- Meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Tiffany Wilson at tiffany.wilson@dc.gov.

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